APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE CLASS.

131. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the number of applicants for admission to the Junior Intermediate class this year in the sub-joined form :—

		Males.	*Females.*
(*i*)	No. of Cochinite applicants	,,	,,
(*ii*)	No. of Non-Cochinite applicants	,,	,,
(*iii*)	No. of Cochinites admitted	,,	,,
(*iv*)	No. of Non-Cochinites admitted	,,	,,
(*v*)	No. of Cochin Government Officers' children admitted	,,	,,
(*vi*)	No. of Cochin Government Officers' children who were denied admission	,,	,,

(*b*) (*i*) whether the selections for admission were made by the Officiating Principal alone, or in consultation with the College council or committee as the case may be ;

(*ii*) what was the criterion or guiding principle by which selections were made ;

(*iii*) are there any rules with regard to it ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

		Males.	*Females.*
(*a*)	(*i*)	229	75
	(*ii*)	17	12
	(*iii*)	173	37
	(*iv*)	Nil	Nil

(*v*) and (*vi*) Correct information not available since candidates for admission do not always give the official address of their parents.

(*b*) (*i*) Admissions were made by the Officiating Principal alone.

(*ii*) As per the rules for admission.

(*iii*) Yes. Copy enclosed.

RULES FO : ADMISSION IN THE COLLEGE CLASSES.

(1) Princes of the Cochin Royal Family and Cranganur irrespective of the marks obtained by them in the School Final Examination.

(2) Students of the Depressed Classes.

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(3) Jews and Muslims are invariably admitted unless the individual's marks are extremely poor. No restriction is observed in the case of their girls.

(4) Women students and students of the backward classes to be admitted in the proportion which the applications received from each bears to the total number of applications.

(5) Selection of other students from among the general applicants is made on the basis of marks scored by each individual in regular order.

(6) The children of Government servants should be given some preference in the matter of admissions to the College.

(7) No non-Cochinites are to be admitted in preference to Cochinites even when an individual happens to have the very best marks. If vacancies are available, which invariably happens in a few groups of the B. A. cla ses, they are of course, given to non-Cochinites.

(8) Non-Cochinites coming from Cochin Schools are given preference over non-Cochinites from schools outside the State.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know, Sir, whether there is not a rule that the candidate should give the official address ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no reason why we should compel them to give the correct address.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Is he not bound to state the official address ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is a column to show the occupation and address of the parent. I have scrutinised a few of these and in many cases I found that it is 'Doctor in Government service' in one case, in another case simply 'Doctor', and again in some other cases it is stated 'Doctor', so and so. Whether in all cases they are Government servants or not it is not possible to trace out.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know how many sons of Government servants have been admitted ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There are no doubt a few cases, where sons of Government servants have been admitted.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Government has not been able to state the Number.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): No definite answer can be given, as I think that no useful purpose is served by keeping a partial list. I want notice. And I can furnish that probably this evening.

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Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): I see from this that a larger proportion of girls have been refused admission than boys? For instance 75 per cent of the female students have been refused admission while it is only 50 per cent in the case of males. Will the Government be pleased to see that some girls are admitted ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The treatment accorded to women is not so bad as it looks on the surface. As a matter of fact women candidates have applied to the Maharaja's College in Group III of the Intermediate for which there is provision in the Women's College. Naturally they were refused admission in the full hope that they will be admitted in the St. Teresa's College. The percentage which the hon'ble member refers to seems to be deceptive here.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): In such cases will the Government be pleased to give timely intimation to the students ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I said in reply to a question put two days ago and the hon'ble member will see from the rules governing the admission sub-division (4): that 'Women students and students of the backward classes to be admitted in the proportion which the applications received from each bears to the total number of applications.' It is distinctly laid down there.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): Are lady students refused admission because of the fact that they can get admission in the St. Teresa's College ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): So many boy students will be available who cannot go and seek admission in the St. Teresa's College ?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): That is not my question ? Whether admission is refused ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Students who seek admission to the Intermediate Class in Group III for which there is provision in the St. Teresa's College are refused admission in the Maharaja's College.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): Are they refused admission even when there is accommodation in the Maharaja's College ?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): If there is accommodation after filling up all the classes, we will take them.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): It is only after the seats are filled up in the St. Teresa's College.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): That is not my concern.

Mr. President: Government are concerned with that.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): May I know whether in such cases the female students are given intimation that they would not get admission in the Maharaja's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): These rules are published in the Gazette and if any person had asked the Principal or anybody concerned with the admission he would certainly have directed. Of course these rules have been published more than once for the guidance of the public and if the hon'ble member so desires that we should have as if it were a sign board asking them to go to the St. Teresa's College there is not the slightest objection.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Is there any preference given to the male students over the females in the matter of admission in Groups other than Group III for which there is provision in the St. Teresa's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): As I said in the sub-division 4 of the rules 'Women students and students of the backward classes to be admitted in the proportion which the applications received from each bears to the total number of applications.'

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Have the Government done anything so that future complaints of similar nature may be avoided?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*) It is impossible for any Government to avoid future complaints. These complaints were enquired into and the Government were satisfied that they were all groundless, and the parties concerned were informed about the result and I think they were all satisfied that the complaints were ill-founded.

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Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know the general nature of the complaints ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The nature of the complaints is very simple—that their sons and daughters have not got admission in the Maharaja's College.

132. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Are the Government aware that there were complaints about admission to the Junior Intermediate class in the Maharaja's College this year ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

133. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Are the Government aware that some Cochin students who did not get admission in the Maharaja's College nor any intimation about same in due time from the College authorities, when applied to Colleges outside the State, were denied admission on the ground of their being native State subjects ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that there were some cases where admissions were refused on the ground of their being Cochinites ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I shall explain what happened. Sir, this question happened to be answered before any instance was brought to my notice. Even then it is technically correct. The question is, Sir, 'Are the Government aware that some Cochin students who did not get admission in the Maharaja's College were denied admission on the ground of their being native State subjects.' The instance which came to my notice was of a person who did not apply here but went directly and asked for admission in one of the Colleges in Madras and on the ground of nativity it appears admission was refused. The Government have taken up the matter and I suppose a decision satisfactory to all parties will be arrived at.

IMPORTATION OF BURMA RUBBER INTO COCHIN.

134. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) are the Government aware that the free importation of Burma rubber into India is adversely affecting the internal sale of rubber produced in the Cochin State ;

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